

Short-term Strategic Sourcing Solution: Electronic Flight Bags (EFBs)/iPads



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Introduction

This guide is to provide acquisition direction to satisfy immediate mission requirements for Electronic Flight Bags (EFBs), non-cellular devices. The short-term solution is iPad hardware which has been certified as Air Worthy by AFLCMC/ESAC.

The Buy American Act (BAA) was reviewed. We determined that since iPads are commercial IT products they are exempted from the Buy American Act.¹

The Trade Agreements Act (TAA), which applies to commercial IT requirements with an estimated value over \$202,000, was also reviewed in respect to the iPad devices. We determined that contracts may be awarded for a non-TAA compliant solution, if no TAA-compliant proposal is received, or as a small business set aside.²

Sourcing Solution

EFBs/iPads can be purchased through a government-wide acquisition program: NASA's Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP). To use the SEWP contracts, the surcharge is 0.45% for purchases up to \$2.2 million and capped at \$10 thousand for purchases greater than \$2.2 million.

This short-term iPad strategic sourcing solution leverages the NASA's SEWP contract. The point of contact for NASA SEWP is:

- NASA SEWP Helpline: (301) 286-1478 help@sewp.nasa.gov

The ITCC's sourcing solution will enable the AF to obtain mission required iPads, with the approved Air Worthiness certification. This solution is aligned with the ITCC objectives of leveraging the AF's purchasing power through rate reductions, demand management, and process savings. For more information on purchasing iPads for EFBs, please contact your MAJCOM ITCC representative, or the Cellular Services and Devices Program Manager, Ms Barbara Sanford, AFLCMC/HICB, DSN 596-6825, email Barbara.sanford@gunter.af.mil or AFPEO.EIS.HIJB.Commodity.Council@Gunter.af.mil.

¹ Confirmed by AFLOA/JAQ, Enterprise Sourcing Group

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